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SUBJECT The Tikhla Kula Naval  
Ammunition Depot in Varna

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1. A naval ammunition depot called Tukhla Kula, exists in the Zvezditsa quarter of Varna, about one and one half kilometers south of the Chayka Air Base. This depot consists of about eight low buildings situated on the northwest slope of a hill in this quarter. The buildings are about four meters apart and are surrounded by barbed-wire entanglements; the depot is guarded by two platoons of navy men from the main navy garrison in Varna.
2. Sea mines, depth charges, and torpedoes are stored at this depot. This depot was originally built and used by the Germans during the last war for storage of submarine mines, torpedoes, and depth charges.

25X1C 3. [REDACTED] what type of mine is stored at the depot, but he describes the torpedoes as Russian-made. He states that the first shipments of these torpedoes came from Russia in October and November 1947, and that shipments will continue. When the initial deliveries of the torpedoes were made, only three torpedo boats were in commission. They were old German LURSEN type boats. All torpedoes were about three meters long and approximately sixty centimeters in diameter. They are air-driven and have twin counter-rotating screws on separate shafts. These torpedoes have a maximum range of 15 kilometers and a speed of 10 knots.

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4. [REDACTED] this depot many times within fifty meters of the buildings and at no time has he seen any type of gun emplacement or anti-aircraft guns for the defense of this area.

5. He has never seen magnetic or sound-seeking mines at this depot, but has heard from friends that mines of this type are in use by the Bulgarians, but in river waters.

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